accepting coversion fee in instalments, no stamp duty on conversion fee and no further registration formalities including free conversion in the case of flats if the total land divided by number of flats built on it is less than 50 sq. mtrs. per flat etc.

A view on these and other similar suggestions received in this regard is being taken, a decision there-on will be incorporated in the proposed brochure to be issued by the lease administering authorities within given time frame

Functioning of BHEL

2431 SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAM BADAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited is running in losses;

(b) the comparative details of profit and turnover of the BHEL during each of the last three years,

(c) whether the Government propose to revive this company; and

(d) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON). (a) No, Sir.

(b) (Rs. in crores)

88—89	89—90	90—91	
Turnover	2620	2021	3154
Profit before tax	193	213	201

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Representation from Indian Paint Association

2432. SHRI P M. SAYEED. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Indian Paint Association;

(b) if so, tne details thereof,

(c) whether there is a proposal to reduce the heavy duties and taxes on the paint industry, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). A representation from the Indian Paint Association was received in January 1992 seeking, among other things, relief such as reduction in excise duty on paints including heavy duty and high performance coatings and solventless and water based paints, enhancement in certain exemption limits for small scale sector for the purpose of excise duty and exemption from duty on bituminous varnishes

(c) and (d) In the Budget for 1992-93, as a measure of additional resource mobilisation, excise duty on paints has been increased by five percentage points. Basic excise duty on various categories of Paints and Varnishecss would be liveable at the

rate of 20% and 35% *ad-valorem* with effect from 1 3 92 In addition, a special excise duty of 15% of the basic duty is also liveable, which make the total incidence of duty to be 23% and 40 25% As the rates of duty have been revised recently, there is no proposal to modify the structure of excise duty on Paint Industry at present

Production of Colour Picture Tubes

2433 SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Electronic Development Corporation has applied for a licence to produce colour picture tubes in collaboration with M/s Phillips of Holland,

(b) if so, the latest steps of this proposal,

(c) whether the M/s Videocon has also evinced interest to take up this as joint venture, and

(d) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) to (d) A composite proposal for expansion of capacity and foreign collaboration for manufacture of colour picture tubes was received from M/s Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation Ltd (APEDC) The application was registered by Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA) on 11 4 86 The proposal was not accepted by the Government of India M/s APEDC represented against this decision in December, 1988 Meanwhile, the collaborator of M/s APEDC, namely M/s Philips, Holland, informed the Government of India that they had withdrawn their offer of collaboration with M/s APEDC and terminated all its past arrangements for technology transfer for the manufacture of colour picture tubes Subsequently, however, M/s Philips changed their decision and offered to transfer technology for manufacture of colour picture tubes to M/s APEDC and/or M/s Videocon The Government of Andhra Pradesh and M/s APEDC have no objection to the consideration of application of M/s Videocon for the grant of licence for the manufacture of Colour picture tubes in collaboration with M/s Philips, Holland pro vided

1 M/s Videocon set up the plant in the State of Andhra Pradesh only

2 3-5% equity participation by M/s APEDC in the project

3 Reimbursement of prior pre operative expenditure incurred by M/s APEDC in the project

4 Nomination of one Director from Government of Andhra Pradesh on the Board of Directors of the company

M/s Videocon has confirmed the location of their plant for manufacture of colour picture tubes in the State of Andhra Pradesh There is no proposal from M/s Videocon to take up this project as a Joint Venture However, the proposal of M/s Videocon is under consideration of the Government of India

Law for Persons Become Handicapped on Duty

2434 SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any law for the workers who become permanently handicapped while rendering service, and